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Letter dated 14 March 2011 from the Permanent Observer of the League of Arab States to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

In accordance with Article 54 of the Charter of the United Nations, I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of resolution 7360, adopted by the Council of the League of Arab States at its extraordinary session, held at the ministerial level on 12 March 2011, in Cairo, regarding the implications of the ongoing events in Libya and the Arab position.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the present letter and its annexes to be circulated as documents of the Security Council.

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[Original: Arabic]

The implications of the current events in Libya and the Arab position

The Council of the League at the ministerial level, at an extraordinary session held at general secretariat headquarters in Cairo on 12 March 2011,

Having considered developments in the grave current events in Libya and their implications, and the crimes and violations that have been committed by the Libyan authorities against the Libyan people and, in particular, the use of military aircraft, cannons and heavy weaponry against the population,

Noting current Security Council consultations and communications and the statements issued by the Gulf Cooperation Council, the European Union and the African Union,

Taking into consideration the appointment by the Secretary-General of the United Nations of a high-level envoy to follow up on humanitarian issues in Libya,

Affirming its resolution No. 7298 dated 2 March 2011 and the statement issued by the Council of the League on 22 February 2011,

Affirming also the need to respect international humanitarian law and the demand to end the crimes that are being perpetrated against the Libyan people, stop the fighting, withdraw Libyan forces from the cities and regions they entered by force, and permit the Libyan people to exercise the right to achieve their demands and build their future and institutions in a democratic environment,

Recalling its commitment to preserve Libyan territorial integrity, regional security, political independence and civil peace; to ensure the safety and security of Libyan citizens, the national unity and independence of the Libyan people and their sovereignty over their territory; and to reject all forms of foreign intervention in Libya; and emphasizing that failure to take the measures necessary to end this crisis will lead to foreign intervention in Libyan internal affairs,

Decides

1. To call upon the Security Council, in view of the deterioration in the situation in Libya, to shoulder its responsibilities and take the measures necessary to immediately impose a no-fly zone on Libyan military aircraft and establish safe havens in areas that are exposed to bombardment, as precautionary measures that will provide protection for the Libyan people and the various foreign nationals resident in Libya while respecting the sovereignty and territorial integrity of neighbouring States.

2. To cooperate and liaise with the Interim Transitional National Council of Libya, and provide the Libyan people with urgent and sustained support and the necessary protection from the serious violations and grave crimes to which they are being subjected by the Libyan authorities, as a result of which those authorities have forfeited all legitimacy.

3. To renew the call made by member and friendly States, international organizations and Arab and international civil society bodies for the provision through various channels of support and urgent humanitarian assistance to the Libyan people at this critical time in their history; and to express its thanks to the States and organizations that are providing such emergency assistance and contributing to the evacuation of Arab nationals who wish to leave Libya.

4. To continue coordination over the situation in Libya with the United Nations, the African Union, the Organization of Islamic Conference and the European Union.

Resolution No. 7360, extraordinary session, 12 March 2011.